

This Trade May Rock Baseball

Yankee Pitchers Swap Families; For One, It's A Victory

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Pitchers Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich of the New York Yankees have "traded lives" through a mutual agreement to exchange wives and families.

"It was not a wife swap," said Peterson, "but a life swap."

The two ballplayers said the situation developed last summer when Fritz and Marilyn Peterson and Kekich and his wife, Susan, were drawn together and began discussing the possibility of an exchange.

"There have been laughs, screams and tears throughout this whole thing," Kekich said Monday.

Marilyn "Chip" Peterson and her two sons — Greg, 5½, and Eric, 2½ — changed places with Susan Kekich and her two daughters — Kristen, 6, and Reagan Leigh, 2½.

The arrangement apparently has worked for Peterson and Mrs. Kekich, who are still together, but not for Kekich and Mrs. Peterson, who have separated.

In Rockford, Ill., Mrs. Arthur Monks, Mrs. Peterson's mother, said: "Marilyn is not happy about this at all. She has started proceedings for a divorce, but only because he Fritz wanted her to. Mike Kekich has made no plans for a divorce."

"Susan was a perfect person for me," said Peterson. "We will file for divorce in New Jersey under the no fault clause."

"Pete and Susan are great for each other," said Kekich. "I thought 'Chip' and I were perfectly suited, but things developed and we began to butt heads. She would have been the first of her family to get a divorce. It became too much for her and she began to worry."

The two ballplayers said they switched families at the end of last season, then briefly returned to their own families. After about 10 days, they exchanged places again, this time permanently, they said.

"The point of no return was reached Dec. 14," said Peterson. "Marilyn and our boys flew West to join Mike in California and Susan and the girls flew East to me. They



TEAMMATES SWAP MATES: New York Yankee pitchers Fritz Peterson, foreground, and Mike Kekich sat on bowsprit of a schooner sailing on Long Island Sound Aug. 28, 1972, with their wives,

must have passed in midair.

"This was the biggest decision of my life," he continued. "I'm not going back. I can't go back."

Peterson and Kekich have been Yankee teammates for four years, and the two families always have been close. When the exchange developed, the two players advised

Mrs. Peterson, left, and Mrs. Kekich. Peterson and Kekich said Monday that they had exchanged wives and families through a mutual agreement. (AP Wirephoto)

the Yankees of the situation, and General Manager Lee MacPhail asked if they felt they could still function as teammates. They said they did, and that satisfied the club.

"The players' personal lives are their own," said Manager Ralph Houk.

LMC Fires 54 Of 66 Teachers!

Berrien College Seeks To Replace Strikers With New Faces

BY BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

Lake Michigan college sent contract termination notices to 54 striking teachers this morning as the strike nears the three week mark.

Dr. Walter Browe, LMC executive vice-president, said 12 full-time faculty members reported to work Monday, including 5 counselors and 7 teachers, as did 8 substitutes.

Browe said he and another member of the administration remained at the college until midnight last night to give teachers "every opportunity to report for work." Termination notices were then sent this morning to 54 teachers who failed to report, he said.

On Feb. 26, the LMC board of trustees sent letters to the teachers notifying them that contracts would be terminated if they did not report to work on or before March 5. The deadline ended at midnight last night.

Browe said the college has hundreds of applications and is also receiving many unsolicited telephone calls from people applying for jobs.

"The problem is not getting replacements but getting the best people in the shortest period of time," Browe explained.

Browe said that teachers who have not reported to work due to extenuating circumstances have 10 days to bring this to the college's attention.

The college has also received notice of a hearing date next Monday and Tuesday starting at 11 a.m. in the courthouse in St. Joseph from Joseph Bixler, trial examiner for the Michigan Employment Relations Commission of the State Department of Labor.

The LMC Federation of Teachers filed an unfair labor practice charge Feb. 26 claiming the college has failed to bargain in good faith.

The charge accuses the college of "surface bargaining" by asserting

positions on a take-it-or-leave-it basis, by demanding teachers give up rights and benefits to which they are entitled and by refusal to make counter proposals.

Browe said the college's attorney will be in contact with the examiner concerning the proposed meeting date.

Browe also noted that at least 130 part-time staff members are honoring contracts for day and evening schools. Only a few

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Instructor Charged In Boy's Drowning

DETROIT (AP) — A swimming instructor who student witnesses say forced a terrified youth into the water and then stood by as the boy sank to the bottom of the pool was arraigned Monday on a charge of manslaughter.

Clayton Woodard Jr., 24, was charged in the death of George Jerry, 12, a student at the Dancy School of Observation, an institution for retarded children.

Witnesses said Woodard forced the boy into the pool three times and rapped his fingers as he clutched the side of the pool.

The boy's parents said after the youth's death last Wednesday their son was afraid of the water. They said he told them other students were forced into the water against their will.

After the youth sank, witnesses said Woodard stood watching until they asked if he was going to get the boy out of the water. They said Woodard sent another student into the pool to rescue the Jerry youth and then gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Attorney Hugh Davis said Woodard was "a very grief-stricken young man." Davis said Woodard had been trying to cure the boy's fear of water. Woodard turned himself into the police after the death.

Recorder's Court Judge John R. Murphy, who set a \$1,000 bond, said the case was "so shocking that one has to control his emotions."

Covert Helping Consumers

\$31 Million Bond Issue!

COVERT — A \$31 million bond sale to help Consumers Power company in financing of an anti-pollution system at its Palisades nuclear power plant here was authorized by the Covert township board last night.

The bonds would be sold by the township under a state law permitting municipalities to sell bonds so that the firm might realize a reduction in interest costs.

Municipal bonds normally involve a lower rate of interest than do bonds or loans made by

private corporations, thereby reducing costs on projects required by the state for pollution control.

Under the law, the firm benefitting from the sale must repay the debt. The municipality is in no way obligated in the repayment.

The money would be used in financing of two massive cooling towers now under construction at the \$125 million plant and an anti-radiation system. The towers were added to the development as the result of a lawsuit launched by

environmentalist organizations.

If carried out, the sale would be the largest under the law, effective last year in southwestern Michigan. Only one other community in the area, Watervliet, is undertaking a similar financing for an anti-pollution system. The Watervliet issue is for \$740,000.

Township officials said the township had agreed to undertake the move in July. William Holtgrieve, Consumers regional manager, appeared before the board last

night to answer questions about the proposal.

Under the board's decision, a referendum election on the proposed sale would be held if petitions bearing signatures of five per cent of the township's electorate are filed with the board within 45 days.

Atty. Sheldon Rupert, township legal counselor, stressed that under no circumstances can the township be required to pay off the bonds with its own money. Rupert said that Covert is not responsible for the bonds even in case of a default, under the terms of the state law.

Since the law exempts the township from responsibility for the bonds, it also exempts the township from the normal bonding limit of 10 per cent of its equalized valuation, in the case of these bonds, he said.

Anti-pollution equipment has been the subject of conflict between the township and company, with the company receiving property tax

exemptions on the equipment from the state department of health.

Jerry Sarno, township supervisor, said he had "mixed emotions" about helping the company install the equipment.

He described Consumers as a good neighbor, saying the company pays 80 per cent of local taxes, and said the company can hardly be blamed for trying to keep its overhead down.

He said the township's battle over the exemptions is not with company but with the state health department, which, he alleged, has misinterpreted the law.

In other action, the board approved Monday, April 23, as the date for a millage election in the township. Authorizations for 2 mills for township roads, ½ mill for township police and ¼ mill for township ambulance expire this year.

Sarno said after the meeting

that it has not been decided yet how much will be asked to replace the expiring millages. He said the board will discuss its requests after the annual settlement meeting, but that he hopes it will be possible to reduce the road millage and hold the line on the other two.

Settlement day is scheduled for Monday, March 19, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Hungry Trio

Berrien sheriff's deputies at 11:25 p.m. yesterday investigated a complaint from Win Schuler's restaurant in Lincoln township, in which three men failed to pay for their meals.

Andrew Feola, the host at the restaurant, told officers three men in their twenties ate at the establishment and then left without paying.

The cost of the three meals, according to Feola, was \$68.12.

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Famed Author Pearl Buck Dies

DANBY, Vt. (AP)—Pearl S. Buck, the daughter of missionaries who won the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes for her writings on China, died today at her home here. She was 80.

Beverly Drake, Miss Buck's private secretary, said the author died "quietly" about 7:25 a.m. today. She underwent gall bladder surgery last fall.

Born in West Virginia June 26, 1892, Miss Buck was raised in China and learned to speak Chinese before she learned English. It was that upbringing, she said, that influenced not only the subject of her writing but her style as well. She spent the first 17 years of her life in China, returned to the United States for a stay and then worked as a Presbyterian missionary in China from 1914 until 1935. The Chinese government refused

her request to revisit the country last October.

She won the Pulitzer Prize in 1932 for "The Good Earth," a book detailing the rise to power of a Chinese peasant which was cited for "its epic sweep, its distinct and moving characterization, its sustained story interest, its simple and yet richly colored style."

In 1938 she became the first American woman to win a Nobel Prize for Literature. The award made special mention of two 1936 biographies — "The Exile" and "Fighting Angel."

She was the first American woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

Miss Buck had been in failing health in the past year, being hospitalized twice for extended periods.

Last July she spent nearly a month in the hospital following



PEARL S. BUCK

a pleurisy attack and in October was hospitalized again for two months as she recovered from gall bladder surgery.

A family spokesman would not make any comment on Miss Buck's death other than to say it had come "quietly" and said in accordance with her wishes funeral services would be private and would not be in Vermont. The spokesman did not say where they would be held.

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Food Packers Will Honor Robert Payne

A man who has dedicated nearly 40 years of his life toward the betterment of the food processing industry will be honored at the Michigan Frozen Food Packers association's 19th annual Distinguished Service to Agriculture award dinner.

The association's award will be presented to Robert A. Payne, president of Eau Claire

Packing Co., on April 9 at Berrien Hills Country Club, Benton Harbor, according to Earl Steimle of St. Joseph, association president.

Payne joined Eau Claire Packing Co. during the depths of the depression in 1934, to help his father, Ralph, one of the original founders of the firm, in handling the business.

At that time the company

produced 36,000 cases of finished product — tomatoes and vinegar. Now, Eau Claire Packing Co. averages 550,000 cases of finished product yearly, including asparagus, tart cherries, tomato and apple juice.

Payne's father and two other business associates purchased



ROBERT A. PAYNE

Revenue Sharing Will Help Build BH Street

Benton Harbor's first federal revenue sharing money, already received and banked, will be spent, in part, to extend Eleventh street, it was learned Monday.

The amount to be spent on Eleventh street will be \$80,000,

according to City Manager Charles A. Morrison.

The first indication of how the money would be used came during the city commission meeting, when Daniel Chapman said, in passing, that federal revenue funds would be

spent on the street project.

The commission voted to hold a public hearing on the necessity of the project, after Chapman said the original estimated cost of \$220,419 can be scaled down to possibly \$134,000, by eliminating a

sidewalk on one side of the street, and other cutbacks, not fully determined yet. No date was set for the hearing.

Eleventh street will be extended from Gray avenue, nearly a quarter-mile south to Empire, as a companion

project to construction of a \$400,000 All-Phase Electric Co. headquarters at Riverview drive and Empire.

Benton Harbor last December received its first federal revenue sharing check for \$199,524. A second check for a somewhat lesser amount was received soon afterwards. The checks are for the year 1972.

In other business, Wilce Cook was introduced by Commissioner Carl Brown as the representative for a new school district for Benton Harbor only. Cook said a proposed new district actually would include some area outside the city, but declined further comment, except to say maps for a district are being made. Petitions shown last week called for a city-only district.

Cook cited his reasons for a new district: Board members with no interest in the local system; alleged collusion between schools and industry to provide menial laborers from untrained students; and taxation without representation (no city residents on the board).

The commission reviewed the Model Cities manpower contract and asked the city attorney to determine how rigidly the contract wording must be followed.

The commission also: Heard a request for a cable television license from Amar Kahn of Stevensville, but took no action.

Approved amendments to the ordinance on housing inspections, detailed last week.

Approved a resolution of intent to cooperate with the Army Corps of Engineers, in to prevent flooding, because of high water levels, should action become necessary.

Scheduled public hearings March 19 on whether to demolish substandard houses at 384 Park and 106 Milton street.

Approved low bids by Bilton and Bilton to demolish substandard houses at 602 Pipestone and 389 Morton, for \$468 and \$638, respectively.



WARREN E. GAST
Elected President



ALLAN WESTMAAS
New Vice President



WILLIAM C. GAST
Board Chairman

Gast Manufacturing Local Firm Makes Officer Changes

Warren E. Gast has been elected president of Gast Manufacturing Corp., Benton Township.

William C. Gast, former president and treasurer of the company, was elected to the newly created position of chairman of the board; Allan Westmaas, former controller, was elected vice president and succeeds William C. Gast as treasurer; Mrs. William Gast was elected corporate secretary; and Miss Doris Probel was appointed assistant secretary.

The officer realignment occurred at a recent meeting of the company's board of directors.

Warren Gast, son of William

C., joined the company in 1953 after earning a degree in mechanical-industrial engineering from the University of Michigan. Prior to assuming his new position, Gast was corporate vice-president, secretary and general manager. He is an elected member of the St. Joseph city commission and serves on the board of directors of the United Community Fund, Area Resources Improvement Council and Memorial Hospital.

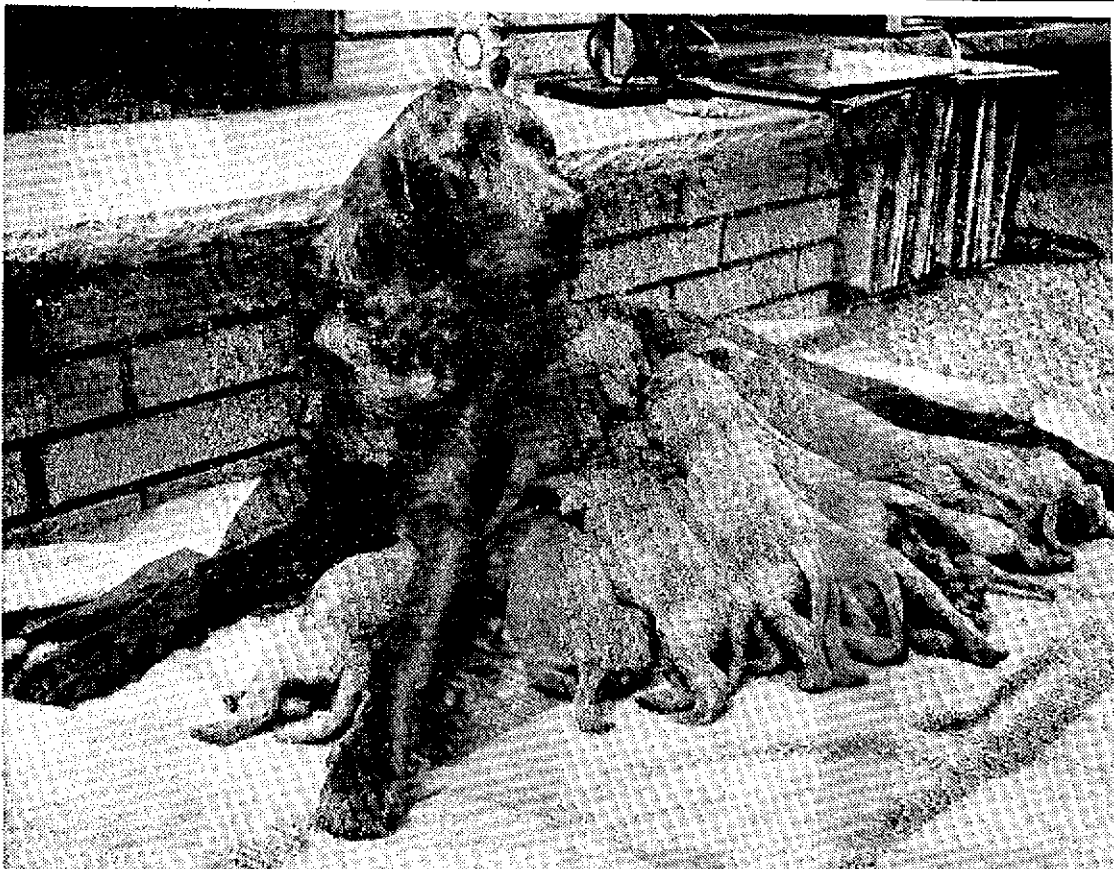
Westmaas joined Gast in 1961 as Chief Accountant. Prior to that, he was a senior auditor with a certified public accounting firm in Detroit. Westmaas was graduated from Wayne State University with a

degree in business administration. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and is chairman of the board of trustees of the First Congregational church, St. Joseph.

Gast markets vacuum pumps, air compressors, and air motors throughout North America and in 19 foreign countries throughout the world. Branch offices are in New Jersey and England.

Warren Gast resides with his wife, Lou, and their three sons at 2718 Lake View, St. Joseph.

Allan Westmaas resides with his wife, Betty, and their three children at 3158 McLean Road, St. Joseph.



CANDY'S CONVENTION: "Surprised" was hardly the word when Satan's Copper Candy, a registered Irish Setter gave birth to 14 puppies three weeks ago. About a dozen can be counted in picture. Candy is owned by Mr. and Mrs. James S. McConville, 4114 Cleveland avenue, Stevensville. It's the first litter for 19 months old Candy and she and pups are reported doing fine. Feeding the

brood is her biggest problem as puppies earlier rejected attempts to supplement mother's milk with formula. Proud sire is Sir Patrick of Rockinghorse Farms, Niles. McConville is area superintendent for Wellpoint Dewatering Corp. of New York, a firm that removes water from construction sites. (Staff photo)

St. Joe Commission Okays Flood Program

Resolutions for participation in the national flood insurance program and for assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in flood fighting were passed last night by St. Joseph city commissioners.

City commissioners also heard a second proposal for a cable television franchise and approved two special use permits for insurance offices and a professional building in the city.

The city's resolution for eligibility in the federal Emergency Flood Program also authorizes the city building inspector to determine

construction is safe from flooding before issuing building permits. The program would allow licensed agents to sell government-subsidized flood insurance to property owners.

The building inspector would require that construction in flood hazard locations use materials, utility equipment and construction methods to minimize or eliminate the threat of flood damage. The stipulations are already part of the city's uniform building code.

The second resolution asks the Army Corps of Engineers to furnish assistance in flood

emergency preparation and flood fighting and rescue operations whenever needed under "Operation Foresight," an emergency flood program funded by Congress.

City Manager Leland Hill said the Corps would provide technical assistance while local interests would supply right-of-way and fill.

The proposal for construction of cable television in the city came from Cable Television, Inc. of Kalamazoo which seeks to install a 350-400 foot antenna to bring at least 19 stations to area residents.

Harry Lambert, represen-

ting Cable Television, said cost of installation would be \$15-\$20 per resident plus \$5.95 in monthly charges.

Cable television is locally oriented and can present programs from local organizations, city government, school and sports events.

A prior proposal for a CATV (Community antenna television) was presented to the commission last week. The commissioners instructed Hill to study the proposals.

In other business, the commissioners approved a special use permit for George J. Jaeger to remodel the frame house at 720 State street for insurance offices and other restricted professional uses.

The permit requires four parking spaces per 1,000 feet of gross floor area with additional parking when the second floor is rented, screening be provided for parking along the north property line and only one small identification sign near or at the front entrance of the building.

A second special use permit was approved for Dr. E.H. Ward to construct a professional building on Cleveland avenue across from the Blue Lake gas station with 16 to 30 parking spaces and with use limited to four doctors.

The commission also told James Falvey of St. Joseph to go ahead with plans for a Freedom Tree planting ceremony April 29 for Capt. Joseph Shanahan of Grand Rapids, now a prisoner of war but on the list to be released by the end of March.

Admits One Count But Not Second

A 43-year-old man accused of assaulting a Berrien sheriff's lieutenant after a routine traffic stop Sunday, pleaded innocent to a charge of assault and battery when arraigned in Fifth District court Monday.

Amos Croom of Route 1, Berrien Center, waived his right to a jury trial and posted \$1,000 bond. A second count of possession of an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle was also charged against Croom.

He pleaded guilty to that charge and was sentenced to fine and costs of \$125 or a maximum of 30 days in jail.

LT. Paul Mills, was hospitalized after being struck several times by his own handcuffs and knocked down, while attempting to arrest Croom after a routine traffic stop in Sodus township, early Sunday morning.

John Steinke, a member of the board of directors of Whirlpool Employees Federal Credit Union since 1969, was elected president succeeding John Conrad who has served in that position for the past six years.

The election of new officers followed the annual membership meeting held recently at Ramada Inn, Ferguson drive, Benton township.

There were 400 persons at the credit union's 24th annual meeting.

In his final report to members Conrad said earnings for distribution to members were up 12 per cent over 1971; loans outstanding to members increased by 12.4 per cent; while assets climbed 7.7 per cent over the previous year.

Erv Hoehe, treasurer-manager, in his report cited the year as showing the greatest increase in loans in the credit union's history—a record \$900,000. Loans disbursed went to an all-time high of \$7.3 million up \$1.3 million over 1971. Member share accounts increased almost \$500,000, representing a 3.15 per cent growth.

Hoehe reported over \$495,000 was returned to members in a 4 3/4 per cent dividend on share deposits and

20 per cent refund of all interest paid by borrowing members during 1971.

Optimism for 1973 ran through reports of various

Cleveland For Local Traffic Only

Cleveland avenue from Hilltop to Hawthorne avenue is open to local traffic, despite the fact a "Road Closed" sign appears at the corner of Cleveland and Hilltop.

Norman Whiteley, owner of the "Schnapps Haus" one of six businesses between Hilltop and Hawthorne, said that portion of Cleveland up to Hawthorne is still open to local traffic.

Cleveland avenue will be closed to through traffic for approximately two months as work progresses on the sewer system for St. Joseph township.

Loan Advice Is Offered

Hazel Zachary of Detroit, a representative of the Small Business Administration, will be at the Model Cities office at 662 Highland avenue in Benton Harbor from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Persons seeking information about small business loans are asked to call the Model Cities office for interviews.

IMPACT STUDIED

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — A proposal to turn 196 acres of rural West Bloomfield Township land into a mammoth shopping center will be studied for regional impact by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, officials said Monday.

Marathon Names Platts Director

John H. Platts of St. Joseph, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Whirlpool Corporation, today was elected to the board of directors of Marathon Oil Company, Findlay, Ohio.

Platts joined Whirlpool in 1941 at the St. Joseph division and subsequently moved into positions of increasing responsibility. He has been president and a member of the board since December, 1962. He became chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Whirlpool Corporation on October 1, 1971. He

is also chairman of the board of Warwick Electronics, Inc., a majority owned subsidiary of Whirlpool Corporation.

Marathon Oil Company, together with its subsidiaries, is active in all phases of the oil industry, including exploration, production, transportation, refining, marketing, and research. About 8,000 people are employed in these operations on five continents. General offices are in Findlay, Ohio. Total revenues reached \$1,291,076,000 in 1972 and net income for the year was \$79.8 million.



JOHN H. PLATTS

Work Starts On Doctors' Building

Construction has started on a one-story, 130 by 64 foot building for doctors' offices at 1901 Niles avenue in St. Joseph for Memorial hospital.

Carroll Ott, St. Joseph contractor, will build the brick veneer building. It will have a center section with two wings and be of colonial design. Office partitions will be installed according to requests of tenants.

D. J. McGrath & Associates of St. Joseph, are the architects. The building permit, issued by Carl Conklin, building and safety inspector for the City of St. Joseph, indicates a material cost of \$92,000.

A 64-car parking lot with exits and entrances off Greenwood and Mohawk avenues, will be built in back of the new building.



JOHN STEINKE

Pact Clears New Buffalo Development

NEW BUFFALO — Obstructions in the path of a proposed \$9.6 million condominium project, blocked by lawsuits since 1970, appear to have been cleared up by an agreement between developers and opponents announced yesterday.

The 273-unit development would be located on a 28-acre site just west of Sunset Shores. It was said in 1970 that it would

increase the population of the city by 40 per cent if built.

Jerry Pals, of South Holland, Ill., developer of the project, said yesterday verbal agreement with project opponents has been reached. He said he expects to seek a construction permit as soon as the agreement is committed to paper by attorneys, and said construction could begin very soon.

Joseph Debiak, a former opponent of the project and a party in lawsuits involving the project, confirmed yesterday that verbal agreement has been reached to allow the project to begin.

Debiak was one of several landowners named in a suit filed by Pals and the city in 1971 in an attempt to clear the way for the project. He was a party to an appeal against the judgment handed down in the suit.

Debiak is a former city councilman and currently a candidate for the council in the March 12 city election.

He said the parties in the appeal had agreed to a compromise in the case "in a spirit of self sacrifice in the best interest of the city."

Pals' and the city's suit involved a restrictive clause in land titles in the Sunset Shores area limiting the land to one-family use.

The city is to be absolved of all financial responsibility in the suits by the agreement, Debiak said. No other details, however, were announced.

Another suit, brought against the city by a group of landowners in 1970 in an attempt to block the proposal, has since been dismissed.

A zoning change for the project was the subject of a special election in the city in 1970. It was approved by voters.

The city council granted the project a zoning change in 1970. When it was granted, then-mayor Albert Meyer said it would increase the city's tax base 42 per cent, based on 1969 figures, while increasing the population about 40 per cent and school enrollment 20 per cent.

Lincoln Planners Endorse Petitions

A Lincoln township citizens group's petition drive to get a proposed \$2.4 million township water system underway received the endorsement of the township planning commission last night.

The commission adopted a resolution commending the efforts of the Steering Committee in Favor of Water for Lincoln Township, and calling for public support of the group.

The resolution said, in part, "As planners, we cannot over-emphasize the need for a public water system and eventually a sewer system in order to assure an orderly growth and development and to attract much needed industry and commerce and protect the property values of our growing population. We urge all of our people to weigh the costs against the benefits and get behind the efforts to bring in public water."

Covert Girl Is Struck By Truck

COVERT — A six-year-old Covert girl, Karen Slaughter, was treated and released at Watervliet Community hospital, yesterday after being struck by a pick-up truck on M-140 near her home about 4 p.m.

Driver of the truck, Elwood Lee Masterson, route 1, Covert, reportedly told Covert police the girl ran out from between two parked cars into the truck's path.

The girl is the daughter of Mrs. C. Slaughter, Covert.

LAND PROJECT OKAYED — PETOSKEY, Mich. (AP) — Emmett County Circuit Court Judge Edward Fenlon has ruled in favor of a 183-acre land development on Little Traverse Bay, denying a claim the project would cause irreparable damage to lakeside ecology.

Manager Named At I&M Center

Donald L. Macke has been appointed manager of the Cook Nuclear Center of Indiana &

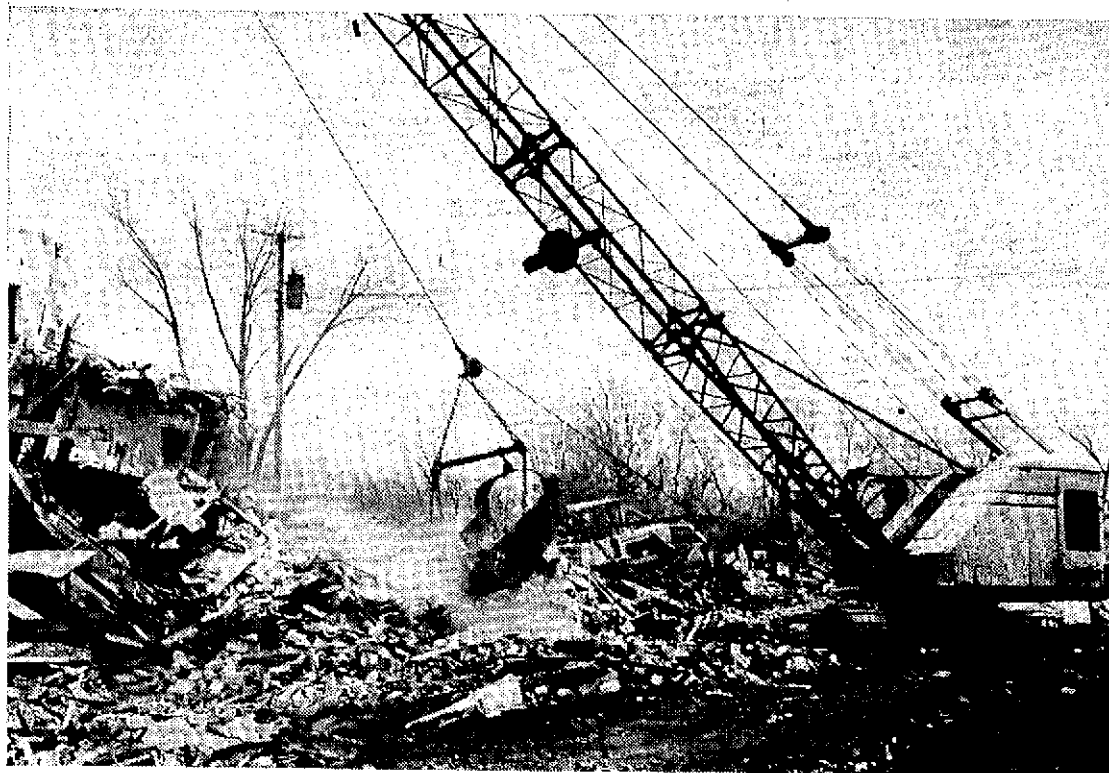
Michigan Electric Co., located near Bridgman, officials announced today.

Macke, a senior transmission engineer assigned to the utility's general office headquarters in Fort Wayne, joined the utility in 1966 after graduating from Purdue University.

Macke will assume his new position in charge of the visitors center at the nuclear power plant site on March 5, officials said.

Lake Township Names Zoning Board Member

BRIDGMAN — In an abbreviated session last night, Lake township board appointed Larry Frank to township zoning board, succeeding the late Henry Valerius.



WRECKERS FINISH JOB: Wreckers yesterday began demolition of American Legion building, Main street, Watervliet, that partially collapsed Dec. 19, sending tons of debris crashing into neighboring Elite bar and injuring six bar patrons. Removal of bar was

completed shortly after collapse, which was attributed to accumulation of snow and ice on Legion building roof. Contractor for demolition is Tacy's Brothers Excavating, Watervliet. (Cliff Stevens photo)

South Haven Okays Building Projects

SOUTH HAVEN — The city council last night gave its endorsement to two property developments, one residential and the other commercial.

The council approved a preliminary plat plan for a proposed residential development at the southeast corner of Baseline road and North Shore drive.

The plan, which would divide the area into approximately 13 lots, received approval from the planning commission during a public hearing last week.

Final approval of the plat is subject to the installation of adequate water and sewer lines and construction of a road in the area.

On the commercial development, the council issued a conditional use permit for a parcel of land on

LaGrange street north of Aylworth avenue for the construction of a proposed McDonald's restaurant.

The land, east of LaGrange and north of Aylworth avenue, is zoned commercial but construction of restaurants require a conditional use permit.

The council, by a 5-2 vote, approved issuance of an SDM wine and beer takeout license for a grocery store owned by William H. Cochran, 112 Dyckman avenue.

Mayor Richard Lewis and second ward alderman Tom Renner cast the dissenting votes while aldermen Matthew Goerg, Rex Lineberry, William Andresen, Robert Warren and Douglas Wattrick were in favor.

The council previously denied issuance of the license upon recommendation of the police department. Police chief Otto Buelow subsequently reversed his recommendation stating he would not object to the store having a license.

Mayor Lewis and Renner said they voted against the license to call to the attention of the Michigan Liquor Control commission which has the ultimate say in the matter that there is some opposition from the public to issuing a license to Cochran.

In other areas, the council approved a new plan for financing construction of the new city hall after it was learned that the initial method is illegal.

The council had planned to borrow approximately one-half of the \$560,000 construction expense from a local bank and pay the balance from existing general fund accounts. The loan would be paid off with

anticipated federal revenue sharing funds.

City Atty. William Verdonk told the council that he knew of no provision whereby the city could legally take a loan from a bank to assist in the financing.

The new plan calls for the council to continue to obtain about one-half of the funds from general fund sources and the rest from the city-owned Board of Public Utilities reserve fund.

City auditor Frank Lekutis estimated that \$269,000 could be drawn from general fund sources over the next year while \$291,000 would be needed from the BPW reserves.

The council forwarded to the planning commission a request from the E. Jay Thermo Products, Inc. that 4.7 acres of land they own be annexed into the city from South Haven township. The property is located along Blue Star Memorial highway and is close to the city's industrial fund.

The council accepted the \$6,183 low bid of Russ Ilyma Chevrolet of South Haven for a two-ton dump truck for the street department.

Mayor Lewis, city manager Albert Pierce and alderman Lineberry were appointed to a committee to investigate a plan proposed by Van Buren county sheriff Richard Stump that could eventually transfer the responsibility of providing emergency ambulance service from the sheriff's department to fire departments individual governmental units.

The committee is to report back to the council at its March 19 meeting so that the city's position can be made known at a county-wide meeting called to discuss the matter on March 22.

Fire chief Leslie Olmstead said he is initially opposed because South Haven might be expected to protect an area larger than it could efficiently handle.

"We could protect the city of South Haven without too much trouble, but the rural areas could really give us fits," Olmstead said.

Coloma Project Boosted \$40,000

COLOMA — Plans for a \$40,000 addition to the Coloma Medical center development on Red Arrow highway were unveiled last night for the Coloma township board.

Philip Nadeau, co-developer of the center, told the board the addition would be a 2,120 square foot structure to house a dentist's offices. It will be the third building on the site.

A new office for Nadeau is currently under construction on the four-acre tract. A building for offices of Drs. Rolando and Amelia Fajardo was opened March 1. Dr. Fajardo is also a co-developer.

When plans for the center were originally announced, costs were placed at \$60,000. The new building would boost the total to \$100,000.

In other areas, Supervisor Roger Carter said that, beginning April 1, Jaycees will resume their house numbering

Mayor Quits Post Again At Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — For the second time in three months, Lester Krumrie has resigned as mayor-city commissioner of Bridgman.

His letter of resignation was accepted by the city commission last night, effective March 6.

Krumrie first resigned Dec. 4, but city Atty. Chalmers Ackerman ruled the oral resignation was invalid and Krumrie, continued to serve as mayor. He was not present last night. In Bridgman, the mayor is a city commissioner elected by other commissioners to serve as mayor.

In his letter, Krumrie listed the added duties of county commissioner as reason for his move. Krumrie was elected to the county commission in November.

Wayne Mabry, mayor pro-tem, asked fellow commissioners to submit names for appointment to the vacant seat. Following Krumrie's first resignation, Harry Liskey, 61, of 516 Lake street, was named to the vacancy, but the ruling on Krumrie cancelled it, officials said.

Krumrie served nine years on the city commission, the past four as mayor.

In other business, the commission set a public hearing April 2 at 8 p.m. to consider request for paving of Vista and Donna drives. Jack Kutz presented a petition, signed by eight property owners, for paving to the commission. He said four other owners opposed the paving.

A request by Terry Childs to rent a vacant service station at Red Arrow highway and Lake street for his asphalt paving business was referred to the planning commission. Childs



LESTER KRUMRIE
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proposed to use the structure as office, repair shop and equipment storage.

Mrs. Irene McGowan told commissioners her property on west side of Red Arrow highway, south of Bridgman, was partially flooded, including her house and other buildings. Robert Anderson, city superintendent, was instructed to investigate the drain in that area to determine whether it was a private or county drain.

A request from the Berrien sheriff's department for funding for its Metro narcotics squad was referred to the police and parks commission.

Tentative permission was given to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wenzlaff of Benton Harbor to open the Weko beach concession weekends prior to May 15, pending installation of dry wells.

Niles Voting On School Millage

NILES — Voters in Niles school district are balloting today on renewal of 19.5 mills for operation.

The two-year proposal would continue present school operation, said Wayne Richards, business manager. It is the same millage as levied in the district the past four years.

Richards said the 19.5 mills represents all extra voted millage, and produces about one-third of the \$6.4 million 1972-73 budget.

Polls located in various schools throughout the district will remain open tonight until 8 p.m.



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Palisades Power Plant Back In Operation

SOUTH HAVEN — The Palisades Nuclear Power plant, out of service since Jan. 12, was returned to production today following completion of repairs and inspection.

Roland A. Lamley, Consumer Power Company vice president, said the plant was taken out of service when the pinhole leaks in the steam generator tubes permitted traces of radioactivity to be released from a closed cycle loop of pressurized water into

other enclosed plant systems. "The plant's radioactivity detector system revealed the defect immediately, and it was subsequently shut down for repairs," he said. The shut-down also permitted plant workers to perform routine inspections and minor modifications to plant equipment.

"It is interesting to note that the total radioactivity released during this occurrence can be translated into an amount less

than 1,000th of an ordinary chest x-ray," Lamley said.

The Palisades plant presently is permitted by the AEC to operate at 85 per cent of full power and has been producing at the rate of 585,000 kilowatts.

Traffic Deaths

By The Associated Press
March 6 State Police Count:
This year 338
Last year 341

State health department approval has been given to a proposed mobile home park on Britain avenue, according to Bainbridge township Supervisor Leonard Smith Jr.

Smith said the approval covers 50 mobile home sites instead of the proposed 129 unit park as first outlined by the developer of the park Raymond Leoni of Stevensville.

Smith said lowering of the number apparently stemmed from the lack of municipal sewer systems in the area.

A permit to begin construction on a 43 acre tract on Britain avenue, one mile west of Park road is not to be issued, Smith said however, until the Berrien county health department approves the plan. Smith, who was opposed to the plan, said there is no way to

stop the project now. The township presently has two mobile home subdivisions in operation. In other areas, Smith informed board members that a proposal from White's sanitary landfill to continue operation is in the process of being prepared.

The landfill was previously slated to close May 31.

A request for a donation to the Berrien Metro Narcotics squad was tabled until more information could be obtained regarding the size of the donation needed.

A low bid of \$504 was accepted for new eaves troughs for the township hall by King and Smith Roofing, Benton Harbor, but action on a \$780 bid for a new roof for the hall, by the firm, was held in abeyance.